Our Mission Statement: "We Proclaim and Practice Christ’s Love"

THE SUNDAY RADIO
BROADCAST on KRBK, 1490 AM,
is from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY is on March 5. Worship times are 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Lenten meals begin a week later on the 12th. Meals will be at 11:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

MARDI GRAS PARTY!!
All ages are invited to a special event this Tuesday, March 4 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Pancakes and sausage will be served. See the Youth Newsletter inside for more details!

THERE WILL NOT BE SUNDAY SCHOOL on March 9 and March 16 due to spring break.

DAYLIGHT TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9. So that you won’t be late for worship you’ll want to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, the 8th!
News From Our Members

THOSE WE HAVE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:
Ron Dannen and Harold Saathof
If you or someone you know is hospitalized, has had surgery, or would like a pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Jeni.

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OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to
• The Family of Ed Meyer
• The Family of Jeff Abben
• Then Family of Lloyd Abrams
• The Family of Joe Fitzpatrick, father of Michael Fitzpatrick
• The Family of Nadine Girard, grandmother of Renee Hamrick
• The Family of Martha Helland

Our prayer is that you feel the love of God from the hearts of those who care and share in your time of sorrow.
When there is a death of a family member, please call the church office so that we may make a note of it in an upcoming Journal. Also please call the church office if a name has been inadvertently omitted.

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GOD’S BLESSINGS TO THE FOLLOWING young people who completed First Communion Class in February:

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BAPTIZED: Sophia Lynne Nelsen daughter of Ronald Nelsen and Alexis Harvey was baptized on Sunday, February 23. Sophia, was born on September 9, 2013. Her sponsors are Lexi Bellinghausen Smith and Jennifer Nelsen.
May God grant your little one all the blessing of His gentle love and may your little one enjoy a lifetime of health and happiness! Congratulations!

(Con’t from front page)

The New Guy on the Block
Who’s That in the Pulpit?

ORDAINED – At Aastad Lutheran Church on June 15, 1980.

CHURCHES SERVED – Malta Lutheran Parish, Malta, Montana-Internship (4 ½ point parish) 1979-1980; Medicine Lake Lutheran Parish, Medicine Lake, Montana (3 point parish) 1980-1983; St. John Lutheran Church, Zimmerman, Minnesota 1983-1990; Donnelly Lutheran Parish, Donnelly, Minnesota (2 point parish) 1990-1996; Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Mason City; Trinity Lutheran Church 1996-2006, New Hampton, Iowa 2006-2009; DISABILITY (due to Lyme Disease)2009-2012; St. Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell (Interim) 19 months; Cross Roads Lutheran Parish (4 point interim with churches in Mitchell, Nora Springs and 2 rural Osage congregations) 14 months; St. James Lutheran Church, Mason City (Present).

HEALED – On January 24, 2012 I was miraculously completely healed of Lyme Disease… overnight!

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE – Nehemiah 8:10b …for the joy of the LORD is your strength.
Here’s the fun part. My daughter and her husband were disciplining their 6 year old son who was not completing his chores. As my daughter said, she was giving her son the “what for”, but he did not seem to be listening. So she asked him, “Are you Listening?” My grandson’s response made me chuckle all day long. His reply, “I am listening, but I’m not enjoying it.” Laugh, smile, carry God’s love and joy every way that you are able!

My job at St. James is to support Pastor Jeni any way that I can. My prayer is that the joy of the Lord may show through the tasks that I do…and share the love of Christ. You will see me visiting, leading the services, preaching, teaching, fellowshipping (drinking coffee and eating), and just hanging around the church.

May the joy of the Lord be reflected in all of our shared ministry as we share our “profiles” with one another and live out who we are as followers of Jesus.

In Christ, Pastor Joel.
SCRIPTURE READERS

If you are unable to read on the scheduled Sunday please call someone else and exchange with them. If a change is made, please call the church office.

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MARCH GREETER SCHEDULE

It is helpful to come 15-30 minutes early. Name tags will be in the back of the church on the Deacon’s bench. Thanks so much for your help!

8:00 AM Service: Erica & Mark Tlusty
9:15 AM Service: Brian & Krystal Garl

MARCH USHER SCHEDULE

Please arrive 15-30 minutes early to prepare to hand out bulletins. Your nametag will be in a box on the Deacons’ bench in the back of the church. Thank you!

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THE APRIL JOURNAL deadline is Tuesday, March 18 by 1:00 PM.

THE APRIL JOURNAL will be assembled on Tuesday, March 25, at 1:00 PM.

BULLETIN ARTICLES are due on Thursday by 9:00 AM every week.

THANK YOU

The family of Ed Meyer would like to extend our gratitude to all our family and friends with a sincere thank you for all the food, beautiful flowers and plants, cards and memorials, prayers, and kind words of comfort.

A special thank you to Pastor Jeni Bohls for her wonderful service, the VFW for the Military Honors and presentation of the flag, and the Ladies of St. James for serving lunch.

Ed was loved and will be missed especially by his family and friends.

THANK YOU TO...

- Dave & Kay Johnson for the boards for the Youth Room.
- Ross & Marvyl Ransom for the new Hoky.
2014 Lenten Series:
Back to the Basics:
A study in Luther’s Small Catechism

Join Pastor Jeni, Pastor Joel, and Pastor Sid Bohls from St. Paul as we explore the Small Catechism this year during Lent. Each Wednesday, we will look at a different part of the Catechism and its meaning for our life. The schedule is as follows (all services are at 11 AM and 6:30 PM):

March 5: Ash Wednesday “Confession”
March 12: “The Sacrament of Holy Communion”
March 19: “The 10 Commandments”
March 26: “The Sacrament of Holy Baptism”
April 2: “The Lord’s Prayer”
April 9: “The Apostles’ Creed”

In addition to our worship services, we encourage you to study the Small Catechism both in small groups and at home. Each Wednesday, after both the morning and evening worship services, you are invited to the Fireside Room for a discussion, using questions provided during worship. There will also be discussion guides for you to take home each week.

Small Catechisms will be available for each family to take home. There will be a free-will offering envelope if you would like to donate toward the cost of the Catechisms (they cost about $1 per book). Looking at the Catechism and reading portions each morning and evening would be a great addition to your Lenten Devotion Time. There will suggestions on the discussion guides each week for how to incorporate the Catechism into your devotions. You may also consider a “Memory Work Challenge” as a family or with friends, memorizing the portions of the Catechism we are discussing each week.

Join us each Wednesday as we get BACK TO THE BASICS in our discussion of Luther’s Small Catechism.

A LENTEN RESOURCE TABLE will be set up in the Narthex beginning March 2, with some ideas for family activities and devotions during the season of Lent. Stop by the table and pick up these free resources to add to your Lenten Discipline. In addition, you can find some ideas on Pastor Jeni’s Pinterest Page for ways to commemorate Lent at home. There are ideas for all ages!

ADD WELLNESS TO YOUR LENTEN DISCIPLINE: Last year, many of you participated in the “Here I Step” Campaign. We will try that again this year. We are encouraging you to walk/run/bike TWO MILES A DAY during the 40 days of Lent, which will allow you to journey the distance (80 miles) from Jesus’ hometown of Nazareth to Jerusalem. You can sign up for the “Here I Step” campaign at a table in the Narthex beginning Sunday, March 2. There will be recording sheets for you to record your miles, as well as other helpful tools.
**St. James News**

**WHAT DO SONGS, FUNNY SKITS, AND SPECIAL DANCES ALL HAVE IN COMMON?**

They, plus much more, will be featured in the St. James Talent Show on Sunday, April 6!

Please contact a member of Music and Worship Board or a Riverside Camp organizer to let us know what talent you would like to share.

The show will begin at 4:00 pm with a spaghetti supper to follow so please bring your appetite! Tickets will be $7 a person or $25 for a family of 4 or more.

*Daycare will be available as well.*

Proceeds will go to Riverside campers and to help fund the new media system for our sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

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**† WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEALS †**

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**SERVING SCHEDULE†**

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**DUTIES PERFORMED BY COMMITTEES**

Meals are served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The kitchen coordinator prepares the meal prior to serving committee arriving. Duties include:

* serving the meal
* pouring drinks
* washing dishes
* putting food away
* putting dishes away
* table teardown
* misc.

Please arrive as close to 5:30 as possible. Plan on staying until 7 or 7:30 (depending upon clean up time). Thank you for helping with the Lenten meals.

Sherri
AN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will meet at 10:15 AM in the Fireside Room every Sunday. This will be a Bible-based study on “Healing” and will be led by Pastor Joel and Renee Dahlen. We will meet every week. The schedule is as follows (subject to change):

- **March 2 & 9** – God wants you well/Healing is for today;
- **March 16 & 23** – We have God’s authority to command healing/Command your “mountains” to be gone;
- **March 30 & April 6** – You have enough faith/Have no doubt;
- **April 13 & 20** – Expect to be healed/ Want to be healed;
- **April 27** – The power of words/Road blocks to healing. Hope to see you there!

RIVERSIDE CAMPERS will host our coffee and fellowship time this Sunday, March 2. They will be providing baked goods and other treats in the Friendship Room before the 8 AM service and between services. A free will offering will be taken that will benefit our children going to camp.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS WILL BE IN THE BOARDROOM this Sunday, March 2, after the 8 AM service. Hope to see you there! If there are other nurses that would like to help with this, please contact Judy Piersma (424-2823) or Karrie Frenz (424-1648) or call the church office.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP for all Breast Cancer Patients (including Spouses and/or Support Persons), will be held Sunday, March 2, at 4:00 PM in the Friendship Room. A presentation will be given by Anne Zook, Palliative Care Coordinator. Contact Millie at 424-3360 or Karen at 507-271-8721 with any questions.

**NEEDED: COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY ADDRESSES!**
The Care Team would like the addresses of St. James members who currently are attending college or are serving in the military. Please call the church office and let Sarah know!

**CARE TEAM:** Our Care Team met in February, and is still looking for new members. If you are interested in serving as part of this group, there are many ways to get involved. We need people to send cards, people to visit, people to help provide meals, as well as several other ways you can participate. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex in March for various ways to help. You can also talk to Pastor Jeni for more information.

**RETIREMENT & ESTATE STRATEGIES WORKSHOP.** Join Special guest speakers Jeff Olinger an Jeff Hatlevig who will share strategies on how to accumulate and distribute money for retirement, how to pass money onto heirs or charities in a tax wise manner, and increase the probability of investment success. The workshop is hosted by Thrivent Financial and your local representative Rhonda Paulsen. Plan to attend one of the following workshops in the Friendship Room at St. James:

- Tuesday, March 11th at 10:00 AM
- Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 PM

**MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS**
St. James has been assigned to deliver meals during the week of March 17-21. Please contact Sarah in the church office if you are able to help! On behalf of the many homebound, thank you for volunteering to deliver these meals!
DID YOU KNOW ST. JAMES HAS A PRAYER CHAIN? If you would like to be part of the prayer chain, please give Sarah your e-mail address. If you have a prayer concern you wish added to the prayer chain, you may also contact the Church office. Prayer concerns are e-mailed out immediately. If you would like anyone added to the Sunday morning worship prayers, please contact Pastor Jeni.

“NOISY” OFFERING for the local food bank will be received Sunday, March 30. Whenever there are five Sundays in a month, the loose coins go to the local food bank.

HOLY HUMOR
The preacher’s 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. “Well, Honey,” he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. “I’m asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.” “How come He doesn’t answer it?” she asked.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
9:15 AM Bible Study
9:15 AM Contemporary Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

LENTEN WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
There will not be a meal served on Ash Wednesday, March 5
7:00 AM Men’s Breakfast
11:00 AM Lenten Worship
11:45 AM Meal
4:45 PM Youth Choir
5:30 PM Meal
6:30 PM Lenten Worship
7:15 PM Chancel Choir

LENT/EASTER
Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Easter is on April 20.
**WELCA**

**BREAD FOR VISITORS**
Are you interested in making bread or greeting visitors? We need your help! There are sign-up sheets posted on the Altar Flower & Radio Ministry board next to Sarah’s office. This is one small way St. James can welcome visitors. If you have any questions, please call Suzanne McKee at 424-2499 or Sarah in the office. Thank you!

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**EVERY WOMAN WHO IS A MEMBER** at St. James is also a member of WELCA. Your name is on one of four calling lists we have compiled. These lists are used to call for funeral food and workers on a rotating basis as well as for the Spring Salad Luncheon and Fall Bazaar donations. If you would prefer not to be on the calling list this year please make a monetary donation of $20 (or more if desired) and your name will be removed for 2014. This money can be put in the collection plate during regular church offering or placed on Sarah’s desk in the church office. Be sure to put a note stating WELCA calling list with your donation. We realize life gets busy and even though you want to help, you are not able to help at certain times. Hopefully this option will work for you. The money will then be used to purchase the items we would be calling you to make. Thank you for continuing to proclaim and practice Christ’s love here at St. James.

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH BINGO AT GOOD SHEPHERD?** The women of St. James are scheduled to be there on the following Wednesdays from 1 PM—3 PM: March 12, May 7, July 9, September 17, and November 19. Let Sarah know in the office if you would like to join us. Duties include passing out BINGO prizes, helping some residents with their BINGO cards, and serving snacks. The residents enjoy visiting too. You will feel good after helping with this fun event. Thanks!

**DURING LENT THE ST. JAMES Women of the ELCA are joining Lutheran World Relief’s Baskets of Promise appeal.** Beginning March 9 and ending April 6, we’ll collect a different item that we’ll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life’s most challenging situations. On the following Sundays, please bring the items listed below and put them in the baskets in the Narthex. We appreciate any donation you can give.

**HERE’S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:**
- **March 9:** Bath Towels (light-weight, max. 52” x 27”, dark color recommended);
- **March 16:** Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging);
- **March 23:** Combs, sturdy (no picks or fine-toothed combs);
- **March 30:** Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional);
- **April 6:** Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping) OR Any of the above items

Our goal is to collect during Lent enough supplies for 40 LWR Personal Care Kits. The Kits will be assembled after Easter. Please consider helping with the assembly of the Kits. More information with the time and date will be announced later.

For more information contact Ann Sletten at 424-5240 or Terri Tell at 424-9776.

Thank you so much for your contributions.